and those who are not. Any [illegible], provided that he has enough food for a meal, can call in his neighbours, but the one who usually does so is a man who has received his name a year or two before the occasion.

A few days before the time selected, the host asks the singers to compose a new song for him. For a [illegible] dance particularly, and in some cases for any one of the other three divisions of the society, the song does not deal with incidents connected with the host's ancestral story, but with humorous or disgraceful incidents of the present time. If a man has caught [illegible] and kept them all for himself, his miserliness is commented upon in the song. If a wife has deserted her husband for another man, the actions of the two are mercilessly ridiculed. If a chief has failed to display generosity it is likewise recorded, and reference is made to errors in former times. To do this is one of the functions of a [illegible], and the singers are always ready to assist him. At the same time they often add a new incident to the tune belonging to some other [illegible] dance so that he too will be able to perform. In this way the airs are remembered from year to year, which is different from the customary [illegible] songs.

On the morning of the day chosen, the host asks one of the singers to beat a drum repeatedly but slowly, as a signal that a [illegible] dance is about to take place. [illegible] go from house to house announcing who is to give the dance. In the late afternoon the people gather in the host's house where men, women, and children seat themselves without distinction of rank, the only reserved place being that for the singers behind the fire. They beat out the host's tune and he dances to it, while the singers themselves sing the words to the amusement of the audience. Using their own discretion, they then beat out the tune of another [illegible] and he also dances, followed in succession by a third, a fourth, and as many as the singers think fit. Sometimes the songs of [illegible] are used in a similar manner. When many have danced, the host distributes food to all his guests, not forgetting to give the largest